

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/484,421 Confirmation No. : 9681
First Named Inventor : Martin DUBS
Filed : January 18, 2000
TC/A.U. : 1745
Examiner : Unassigned
Docket No. : 622/48561
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Sputter Chamber as Well as Vacuum Transport
Chamber and Vacuum Handling Apparatus with Such
Chambers

**REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TO CURRENT FEE
DUE**

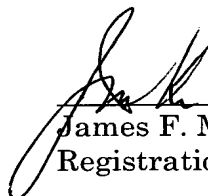
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Issue Fee paid on August 4, 2004 in the instant application be applied to the current Issue Fee due on September 13, 2005. This application was withdrawn from issue, and was subsequently allowed again on October 13, 2004. A copy of the decision granting the Petition to Withdraw from Issue is attached. A check in the amount of \$70.00 covering the increase in the Issue Fee is attached hereto.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.48561US).

Respectfully submitted,

January 12, 2005



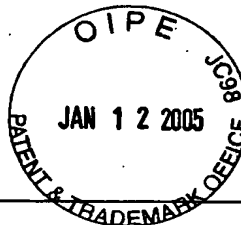
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: DECISION ON PETITION UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the "Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(5)," filed August 24, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on August 4, 2004 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680 (effective September 27, 2004, the new number will be (571) 272-3218).

The matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1745 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

Frances Hicks

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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).